

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

Kindly cancel original claims 1 - 19 without prejudice, in favor of new claims 20 - 38.

Claims 1 - 19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) In a starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom, wherein optionally modified starch is combined with at least one polymer additive, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymer additive, a polymer stabilized with protective colloid(s) and/or emulsifier(s), said polymer comprising one or more comonomer units selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of straight-chain and branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, acrylates and methacrylates of branched and straight-chain alcohols having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, dienes, olefins, vinylaromatics and vinyl halides, said polymers optionally also containing from 0.1 to 20.0% by weight of at least one functional comonomer unit selected from the group consisting of carboxyl-, hydroxyl-, epoxy- and NH-functional, ethylenically unsaturated comonomers, and hydroxyalkyl acrylates and hydroxyalkyl methacrylates having a C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl radical, and optionally, olefin comonomer(s), the data in % by weight being based on the total weight of the polymer.

21. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 1, wherein polymers comprising one or more comonomer units selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of straight-chain or branched carboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms are used.

22. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 1, wherein the N-alkylol-functional comonomer units having a C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>4</sub>-alkylol radical are contained.

23. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 3, wherein one or more comonomer units derived from N-methylolacrylamide (NMA), N-methylolmethacrylamide, N-methylolallylcarbamate, C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl ethers of N-methylolacrylamide, N-methylolmethacrylamide and N-methylolallylcarbamate, and C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl esters of N-methylolacrylamide, of N-methylolmethacrylamide and of N-methylolallylcarbamate are employed.

24. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 20, wherein the polymers are vinyl acetate polymers, vinyl acetate/ethylene copolymers, vinyl acetate/ethylene/vinyl chloride copolymers or vinyl ester/acrylate copolymers, each further containing said functional comonomer.

25. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 20, wherein the polymers have a glass transition temperature of from -30°C to +120°C.

26. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 20, wherein the amount of protective colloid is from 1 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the polymer.

27. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 20, wherein one or more protective colloids from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, polyvinyl acetals, polyvinylpyrrolidones, celluloses, cellulose derivatives, poly(meth)acrylic acid, copolymers of (meth)acrylates with carboxy-functional comonomer units, poly(meth)acrylamide, polyvinylsulfonic acids and copolymers thereof, melamineformaldehydesulfonates, naphthaleneformaldehydesulfonates, styrene/maleic acid and vinyl ether/maleic acid copolymers, starch and dextrans are contained as the protective colloid.

28. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 27, wherein polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 85 to 94 mol %

and a Höppler viscosity, in 4% strength aqueous solution, of from 3 to 15 mPa·s at 20°C according to DIN 53015 are contained as the protective colloid.

29. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 20, wherein the starch is used in natural form, as destructured starch, as chemically modified starch, or a mixture thereof.

30. (New) The starch molding composition or molding prepared therefrom of claim 20, which is an adhesive.

31. (New) A molding of claim 20, prepared by a molding process of extrusion, extrusion blow molding, foam extrusion, injection molding, calendaring or thermoforming.

32. (New) The molding of claim 31, wherein the starch composition further comprises an additional binder comprising biodegradable polyester.

33. (New) The molding of claim 31, wherein the starch composition further comprises cellulose fractions in the form of wood particles, wood fibers and woodmeal.

34. (New) The molding of claim 31, wherein said molding is a rottable molding.

35. (New) The molding of claim 31, which is a rottable film.

36. (New) A process for producing a molding of claim 20, comprising:  
providing starch, mixing said at least one polymer with said starch, and molding at a temperature of from 70°C to 150°C.

37. (New) The process of claim 36, wherein water is present prior to molding.

38. (New) The process of claim 36, wherein a wood product selected from the group consisting of wood particles, wood fibers, wood meal, and mixtures thereof are present prior to molding.